

5      a pivotable lower structure supported by said upper structure;  
         a plurality of ring members mounted to said lower structure; and  
         at least one integral securing fastener for securing said ring binder to said base  
AI   member, said at least one securing fastener including,  
         an engagement portion in direct engagement with the upper structure for attaching  
         said securing fastener to said upper structure, and  
10      securing elements for securing said ring binder to the base member, the securing  
         elements each having a free end located at the end of the securing fastener farthest from the  
         engagement portion, at least 75% of said elements extending away from a longitudinal axis of the  
         engagement portion.

Please add the following new claims:

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comprising:  
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5      28. A ring binder adapted to be secured to a base member, the ring binder  
         comprising:  
         a substantially rigid upper structure;  
         a pivotable lower structure supported by said upper structure;  
         a plurality of ring members mounted to said lower structure; and  
         at least one integral securing fastener for securing said ring binder to said base  
         member, said at least one securing fastener including,  
         an engagement portion in direct engagement with the upper structure for attaching  
         said securing fastener to said upper structure, and  
10      securing elements for securing said ring binder to the base member, the securing  
         elements each having substantially the same length, at least 75% of said elements extending away  
         from a longitudinal axis of the engagement portion.

29. A ring binder adapted to be secured to a base member, the ring binder  
comprising:  
         a substantially rigid upper structure;  
         a pivotable lower structure supported by said upper structure;  
5      a plurality of ring members mounted to said lower structure; and  
         at least one integral securing fastener for securing said ring binder to said base  
         member, said at least one securing fastener including,  
         an engagement portion in direct engagement with the upper structure for attaching  
         said securing fastener to said upper structure, and